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Sir:

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 through 6 as follows:

1. (Thrice amended) Joint arrangement for a surface structure, which surface structure, [is meant] together with one or several other surface structures, is intended for [temporary] temporarily protecting and covering a ground surface, each surface structure having (a) one or more corners, [and] (b) at least [a] one joint arrangement for removable attachment of one or several adjacent surface structures, and [having] (c) thermal insulation (1) that comprises at least one [,] essentially plastic based thermal insulation layer (1'), and wherein [in which] the joint